Robust hypothesis test using Wasserstein uncertainty sets

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Classification with unbalanced data

fewer data for several classes



• Anomaly detection: self-driving car, network intrusion detection, credit fraud detection, online detection with fewer samples





 Health care: many negative samples, not many positive samples





Non-parametric hypothesis test with **unbalanced and limited data**

- empirical distribution may not have common support

- no possible to use *likelihood ratio*: optimal by well-known Neyman-Pearson.



Hypothesis test using Wasserstein uncertainty sets

- Test two hypothesis $H_1 : \omega \sim P_1, P_1 \in \mathcal{P}_1$ $H_2 : \omega \sim P_2, P_2 \in \mathcal{P}_2$
- Wasserstein uncertainty sets for distributional robustness



Wasserstein metrics can deal with distributions with different support, better than K-L divergence



• Goal: find optimal detector, minimizes worst-case type-I + type-II errors

 $\inf_{\phi:\Omega\to\mathbb{R}}\sup_{P_1\in\mathcal{P}_1,P_2\in\mathcal{P}_2}\mathbb{E}_{P_1}[\ell\circ(-\phi)(\omega)]+\mathbb{E}_{P_2}[\ell\circ\phi(\omega)]$

Main results

Distributionally robust nearly-optimal detector

• <u>Theorem</u>: General distributionally robust detector has nearly-optimal detector has risk bounded by small constant $\psi(\epsilon) - \epsilon$



Computationally efficient

- Tractable convex reformulation
- Complexity independent of dimensionality, scalable to large dataset

 $O(\ln(n_1) + \ln(n_2))$



Statistical interpretations

• Minimizes divergence between two distributions within two Wasserstein balls, centered around empirical distributions, and have common support on $n_1 + n_2$ data points

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$$Q_1^{n_1}$$
 P_2
 P_1 P_2

Generating function	Auxiliary function	Optimal detector	Detector risk
$\ell(t)$	$\psi(p)$	ϕ^*	$1-1/2\inf_{\phi}\Phi(\phi;P_1,P_2)$
$\frac{\exp(t)}{\log(1 + \exp(t))/\log 2} \frac{(t+1)_+^2}{(t+1)_+}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2\sqrt{p(1-p)} \\ -H(p)/\log 2 \\ 4p(1-p) \\ 2\min(p,1-p) \end{array}$	$\frac{\ln \sqrt{p_1/p_2}}{\log(p_1/p_2)} \\ \frac{1-2\frac{p_1}{p_1+p_2}}{\operatorname{sgn}(p_1-p_2)}$	$\begin{array}{c} H^2(P_1,P_2)\\ JS(P_1,P_2)/\log 2\\ \chi^2(P_1,P_2)\\ TV(P_1,P_2) \end{array}$
			(Juditsky, Nemirovski, 2015)







Figure: Jogging vs. Walking, the average is taken over 100 sequences of data.

Human activity detection

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